OPERATIONS COORDINATING BOARD

53-080,

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Dear Red:

Since the establishment of the OCB in late 1953, we have had on the OCB Staff at least one junior career officer from the Central Intelligence Agency to assist in the assembly, digesting, and other work in connection with intelligence liaison function. We have considered that the presence of such an individual on the staff of the OCB would give him excellent background and training which would assist him in his future career. Normally, we have attempted to rotate such individuals at intervals of approximately one year. The present incumbent in this position is

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In addition to the work in connection with intelligence matters, these individuals have an opportunity to sit in on interagency working group meetings, to participate in OCB staff meetings, and to observe at meetings of the NSC Planning Board and Planning Board Assistants. All these activities are deliberately designed to provide him with a broad background in the interrelationship between intelligence and policy making and execution.

It has been our practice to reimburse the agency for the services of the incumbent of this training position, just as in the case of any employees on long-term duty assignment to the OCB Staff. However, we have re-examined this arrangement in light of our over-all staffing pattern and of the respective advantages to the agency and to the OCB Staff of this training arrangement and are now suggesting a change in the relationship.

We believe that there is justification for making this position. one to be filled on a non-reimbursable basis in view of the value of

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the training it offers to the assignee thereto. We therefore, propose that successor be assigned to this staff without reimbursement.

It would be appreciated if your decision with respect to our proposal could be received as soon as possible in view of certain pending internal staff readjustments that will be affected by what arrangement we work out.

Sincerely,

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